

Britain's Hold On Germany

Great Britain has one sort of hold on her enemies that compensates for many disadvantages: Britain may lose, and lose heavily, in her land empire, but at the end she will be able to say to Germany, "The sea is closed to your commerce until you fairly recompense us and our allies."

The final demand, when the time for compromise and adjustment comes, may be for the return of territory captured from the allies, or it may be for money indemnity, or for a waiver on Germany's part of demands she might make for indemnity; but certain it is, that Britain's command of the sea cannot be broken, and that Germany must pay in some form to get her ships back upon the seven seas.

Germany is going to make tremendous gains yet, on land. She may be forced to yield her line at some point or points, but on the whole, the land war is hers, up to now. It is highly doubtful if the entente allies can possibly enlist and equip enough men to dialogue the central empires and their allies from any large areas they now occupy as conquerors. On the contrary, the central empires will certainly extend their lines in some areas beyond the present lines of trenches.

But even if Germany sent her navy out from its base, and fought to the death with British forces, or undertook to harry British commerce in the Atlantic, it would, in the end, be a matter of ship for ship, with Britain ultimately mistress as she is now, of all the oceans, and Germany weakened without corresponding gains.

Germany aims to gain control of Mesopotamia and the Persian gulf. Egypt will be menaced in passing. But the air line to the oriental sea by the shortest route is Germany's choice, as more practical if not more desirable. And it is altogether probable that the day is past when the Mediterranean could be regarded as a British lake, with Germany's consent. It would not be surprising to see on the Adriatic or the Aegean, great German forts and shipyards.

The Outlaw

Villa has had his chance, and has been beaten. For a long time he was the beneficiary of a disgraceful and unneutral alliance on the part of the United States government, which gave him every possible assistance short of actually sending in American troops to fight for him. He was petted and groomed by the American authorities, and his voice, through his representatives, was the voice of authority at Washington. Nothing was done to hinder him, and on the contrary he was the recognized agent of the Washington government in its efforts to dictate to Mexicans what kind of a government they should have.

With all this, Villa failed. Mexico did not want him, and he did not demonstrate those civil and military powers necessary to restore order in the republic. What he and his associates may have made out of the revolution personally we do not pretend to say; everybody has his own idea about this. But that he has totally failed as an agent of stable government and law can hardly be denied.

Now he remains, with a handful of men, unrecalled to the new situation created by the recognition of Carranza. He reserves to himself the "right" to carry on raids and persecutions, destroy railroads and industries, seize and operate foreign owned mines and other properties, perpetrate kidnappings, demand ransoms, steal cattle and cotton, sell other people's property for a moiety of its value, and operate extensive gambling houses and other immoral resorts.

All this he does in the name of the "plan of San Luis Potosi" and the "plan of Guadalupe." He poses as a patriot, and declares all Mexico his enemy.

Nothing but evil can come of his operations. He has nothing to bring to Mexico, and his rebellion is wholly bad, in theory and practice. Nothing but lawless sentimentality can induce tolerance of his further activities.

Britain's "Failure" On Gallipoli

Britain's withdrawal from the Dardanelles campaign looks, at first glance, like failure. But there is another view to take of it: the withdrawal of the forces, and abandonment of the offensive campaign, is a sign of vitality in the British nation, a proof of courage and bigness. It is the small man, the desperate man, the coward, who shrinks from acknowledging fault or failure. Mere pride, or evident fear on the part of the government to acknowledge the failure of a movement waged with such tremendous losses and such braggart boasts of determination to succeed, would indicate weakness. The withdrawal indicates strength—strength of the government, and strength of the British people to bear reverses without flinching.

Two other areas of war demand Britain's greatest efforts if headway is to be made. These are, the Greek frontier and the defence of Egypt and Suez.

Germany is working hard to consolidate the Balkan states, join up Serbia, Montenegro, and Albania with Bulgaria, with possibly a hope of enlisting Rumania eventually. Greece, as a "benevolent neutral," is worth more to Germany just now than would be Greece as an ally.

And the future of Arabia, the Sinai peninsula, Mesopotamia, and Turkey, possibly even Persia, is to be determined in this war for a long time to come. These constitute the region of ancient civilizations, long neglected in the time of the moderns. There are rich natural resources, and important strategic values in control of the sea. Germany is taking the lead in developing the possibilities here, and these activities constitute a serious menace to the British empire. Not very many years ago, Britain was fighting for Turkey against Russia; that would be a far more logical arrangement today, than the one she is in.

Britain withdrew her forces from Gallipoli because she had greater work for them to do.

What Is "Safe Farming"?

First, home garden for every family to provide vegetables as nearly as possible the year round, with an additional plot for potatoes, sorghum or cane; second, corn to support the family and live stock; third, oats and small grain to supplement the corn as feed; fourth, hay and forage for the live stock; fifth, most necessary to supply the family, raising poultry, hogs and beef; pay attention to dairying; sixth, after all the foregoing things have been provided for, produce cotton for the market.

These are the suggestions of Bradford Knapp, United States government agent in charge of cooperative farm demonstration work in the south, looking to a rational development of the idea of what is now called "safe farming" and used to be called "diversification." Mr. Knapp said that if this course is followed the farmer will prosper whether cotton is selling for 15 or 6 cents per pound.

At a recent convention Mr. Knapp told about modern marketing arrangements. In some towns in the south organizations have been formed to furnish a market for anything a farmer may raise. In South Carolina such organizations take care of the marketing of grain. More and more the plan is being followed of concentrating cotton, cattle and hogs so buyers can come to one point and buy.

With necessary modifications to suit our local conditions, the plan outlined by Mr. Knapp is worth our most earnest consideration.

It is believed that about now plans are all carefully prepared for another accidental explosion in the munition plants—Amarillo (Tex.) Panhandle.

Women in a religious order in St. Joseph, Mich., draw husbands by lot. This reduces to a minimum the members who are fooled.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The only way to make Americans of most of these "hyphenateds" is to send them over to the Beloved Fatherland. Then you'd hear them putting the emphasis on the "American," all right.—New York Herald.

Short Snatches From Everywhere.

He's Kitchener of Cartoon nowadays.—Chicago Evening Post.

The goldfish thinks nothing of a trip around the globe.—Boston Transcript.

There's not a vacant factory building left in all Pittsburgh now.—Boston Journal.

The famous snowball in hell has grown very jealous of the Oscar II.—New York Sun.

"And musing there an hour alone, I dreamed that Greece might still be free."—Chicago Evening Post.

Kitchener has a way of making his speeches sound firm whether they sound friendly or not.—Washington Star.

The peace ships that this country needs are those that mount 15-inch guns instead of batteries of stuffed doves.—New Orleans States.

Will it be Germany or will it be Austria that will try "benevolent assimilation" on captured Serbia?—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Just why Col. Roosevelt continues to make use of the Bible for political purposes has not been explained. Memphis Commercial Appeal.

For once allied and German opinion coincide. Both agree that the allies are not aware that they are beaten.—New York Evening Post.

Ceausy has the head that wears a crown, particularly if the allied army is in front and queen Sophie armed with a stove poker is behind him.—Terre Haute Star.

About now, Father gets to bed an hour later than usual, because he will insist on playing with the mechanical toys he's bought for Christmas.—Boston Advertiser.

The Toronto Mail and Empire has offered the job of fire chief for that city Col. Roosevelt. The colonel's specialty is kindling, not extinguishing.—Boston Traveler.

Belloc's Capt. von Papen may get a chance to justify his military title in the trenches. Personnel non grata diplomats are not popular at the Wilhelmstrasse to Rochester Post-Express.

Secretary McAdoo is a business man and not a politician, or he would sing the "more income taxes" anthem in a subdued tone and keep his foot pressed hard on the soft pedal of the organ.—Houston Post.

"Stand Patter" Is A Stationary Statesman The Breed Confined Solely To Those In Office

By GEORGE FITCH.

A STANDPATTER is a stationary statesman who is satisfied with minorities as they are. Standpatters are confined entirely to successful candidates. They have existed ever since Noah's time, when a large number of this great nation's friends pronounced the 40 days' rain to be only a slight local disturbance of no national bearing. Let's wife was another eminent standpatter. She remained for centuries entirely motionless and looking steadfastly backward. The standpatter believes there is a future, but does not believe in trying to haul it into the present by the neck. Political standpatters are satisfied with last year's laws and social standpatters are satisfied with last year's shirts. There has also arisen a new brand of standpatters who are regarded with great contempt in some quarters because they are satisfied with last year's wife.

Opinion varies as to the virtues of standpatters. We have the word of eminent statesmen to the effect that to stand pat is to rely upon the wisdom of the past, tempered with a firm tolerance of the present and a cautious survey of the future. "W. W. W." is not of other statesmen to the effect that



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Bedtime Story For the Little Ones

"Uncle Wiggly Gets Lost."
By HOWARD B. GARIS.

"WHAT! You are not going out today, are you, Uncle Wiggly?" asked Nurse Jane Fussy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper, as she swept and dusted the hollow stump bungalow where the rabbit gentleman lived. "It is very cold, and I think we shall have more snow."

"Oh, yes, I must go out today," answered Mr. Longears. "I have not had an adventure in some time. I will forget how adventures look like if I don't have one once in a while. It is not too cold for me, and I like a storm."

"Well, take something to eat in your fur overcoat pocket," invited Miss Fussy Wuzzy. "I have just baked a cherry pie, and you always like that."

"Indeed I do!" cried the bunny uncle. "Only sometimes the juice runs down my sleeves, and if I put cherry pie in my pocket the juice will run in that."

"I'll set the pie in a dish for you," said Nurse Jane, and so she did. Uncle Wiggly also put some slices of cabbage and carrot bread in his pocket. For it was morning, shortly after breakfast, and he thought he might walk so far, looking for an adventure, that he would not be back in time for dinner.

The rabbit gentleman set off, leaning on his red, white and blue striped barber pole rheumatism crutch, which Nurse Jane had knaved for him out of a cornstalk where Grandfather Goosey Gander lived.

"Come on out for a walk, and help me look for an adventure," called the rabbit gentleman.

"No, thank you, Uncle Wiggly. I have the toothache in my bill," answered the goose gentleman. "I'll come some other time."

Uncle Wiggly stopped to ask Dr. Poosum to come along, but the animal doctor was busy curing the sick folk of animal land, and he could not come.

"And there is no use going to ask any of the animal boys or girls," thought Uncle Wiggly, "for they are all at school. I guess I'll have to go alone. But I have done it before."

So away he went, through the woods, over the fields, up hill and down, looking for an adventure. And after a while, the rabbit gentleman came to a

destination, paternalism, pantheism, plutocracy and pooh-bah. The insurgent says that standpattism is a fungus. Jealous of a jackrabbit, because the latter can move, a second-hand kedge anchor buried in the mud and waiting for the ship of state to come back and tie up to it; a mournful and neglected hen setting on a china egg; a crawfish hole calling on the sun to revolve around it because it refuses to budge.

However, this is nothing to what the standpatter recently alluded to insurgency as a merry-go-round racing with the horizon to the music of a steam calliope.

A standpatter doesn't allude to the wheels of progress, but to the obelisk of accomplishment. His favorite hymn is 'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, and his model is the wooden Indian, which has done business for 50 years in America and which has never taken a step forward or made a single mistake.

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MORE Truth Than Poetry

We Don't Believe Them Here.

Marconi has been made a Senator, showing that in Italy Senators can be operated without wires.

The Mongolian Proletariat.

China has 400,000,000 people, \$359,582 of which do not know whether they constitute an empire or a republic.

The Night Day, But the Wrong Year.

When Mr. Ford said he'd get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas it is evident he didn't mean this Christmas.

Solomon on Pacifists

BY AL. O. YSIUS.

Could it have been that there lived a great pacifist in Solomon's day? If not, why did he write: 'There is that hath appeared a fool after he was lifted up on high, for he had the mind of his own, and he said in his heart, I will not be subject to man.' (Prov. XXX, 32.)

How true it is that 'He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool.' (Prov. XXVIII, 26.)

Mayor Warns Against Christmas Tree Fires The Sacramentos Have Much Valuable Timber

"In the interest of a 'safe and sane' Christmas as regards precaution against fire, it would be well for all people of El Paso to heed the warning of W. English, state fire marshal," said Mayor Tom Lea. "Mr. English has issued a bulletin for general distribution in which he points out the added danger of fire as a result of Christmas decorations, and urges caution in the hanging of decorations with reference to electric wiring and gas jets, also in the matter of lighted candles on Christmas trees. Fire in winter, always imposes hardships on the firemen, as they often suffer frozen hands or become sick from exposure. I heartily endorse the bulletin and commend its warning to the people of the city to the end that there may be no sorrow or regret to mar the Christmas joy."

"The Christmas trade to date has been very good," said A. Blumenthal. "There is nothing to indicate that the people of the city are suffering from business depression and it is hoped that the trade this year will be the largest in the city's history."

"When we are telling the world of the resources of El Paso in the vicinity of the chamber of commerce, 'If your lot is rich, 16 years ago, was worth but \$15 a foot, it is in part due to the work of the chamber of commerce. If your business has increased to the point where you require two or three times as much room now and two or three times as many clerks; if the city has better schools, better streets and its praises are being sung in all parts of the land, some portion of the credit may be ascribed to the activities of the chamber of commerce."

"El Paso's parks are going to be beautiful next spring," said Donald Hartman. "The park commissioner is having all the borders in San Jacinto plaza planted in tulip and yacynth bulbs this week so that they will be ready to bloom early in the spring. Houston square will also get its share of these plants and a good number will be put about the library and Cleveland square."

"My visits to El Paso in the interest of the homeless children are always a real pleasure," said Mrs. W. A. Nichols. "I have seen the good people here in the work I have to do, and I am sure that the superintendent of the city's getting homes for homeless children. I have several good applications for children among the El Paso people, and I hope to fill soon. Our report shows that 190 little children have been placed in good homes this year. I am leaving for my home in Abilene, to spend Christmas with my family but I shall return about January 10 to continue the work here."

LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

COMMENDS RABBIT STAND.

Editor El Paso Herald:

A correspondent in airing his views concerning Rabbi Zerkow's remarks, speaks of what we have done to promote the welfare of the Jews in this country. Who is this we speak of? The only true Americans are the Indians who are a negligible quantity in the vast state of Texas. America being the "melting pot" of all nations and creeds, there should be no discrimination by one nationality against another, all being equally assessed taxes according to their estate and all having an equal voice in the government.

Stores owned by Jewish merchants or other merchants are not patronized on account of the faith of the proprietors, but on their record of honesty and honest values. In my opinion all religious celebrations should be excluded from public schools where each pupil has an equal right to the benefits if the celebration could not be participated in by all of them.

A Reader.

FROM MISS WINKLER.

Editor El Paso Herald:

Because the impression has been allowed to get forth to the students of the high school that I have interfered in the management of the high school, I feel that in justice to myself and also to the students, they should know the facts as they are.

When I learned that the girls' rhythmic training class were being drilled by a boy of the school, I felt sure that all that would be necessary would be to request of the principal, whom I knew and regard highly, as a fair minded official, that the girls in whom I am especially interested, my niece, be excused from that part of the work not under the supervision of the director herself.

Throughout our conversation, Mr. Hughey will remember, my position was that of a parent, not an official position had nothing to do with the case. I furthermore tried to make it plain to Mr. Hughey that if the parents of the other girls wanted their girls drilled by a boy that it was their business, not mine. A deliberate or unintentional misrepresentation of our interview has given forth the very impression that was not warranted.

I took up the matter in my personal capacity and not as a school official. I was not signing myself because I changed to be county school superintendent, I had surrendered my privileges as a citizen, taxpayer and patron of the city schools.

Miss Winkler's letter, read at the meeting of the school board Monday night was as follows: "Two nice, high school students, take the physical training course a part of which is given by a high school student."

"This morning I requested Mr. Hughey to excuse them from that part of the course not given by the teacher herself. He replied that if they were excused from that part, they would not receive credit for the course."

"I am appealing to the board from Mr. Hughey's decision for the reason that I am very anxious for the girls to take the physical training course, but am equally as anxious that they receive all their instruction from the faculty and not any part of it from a fellow student."

Sir Gilbert Parker, the novelist and playwright, wasted two or three professions in the early days of his career.

Testimonials

A MAN can manufacture pills of plaster Paris, bran and flour, and swear they'll cure all human ills—and folks will praise them every hour. And every mail that comes to town will bring warm letters from the guys who tell how they were stricken down with influenza in the eyes. "We tried all medicines and drugs that kindly folks could recommend, we bought such things in kegs and jars, and perous plasters without end. In vain—it didn't hit the spot, we weaker grew from day to day; in spite of all that costly rot, it seemed that we must pass away. We called a learned physician in, and at our tongue and pulse he looked, and said, with melancholy grin, 'It is no use—your goose is cooked!' Then Grandpa said, 'For mortal ills there is one cure that's simply grand; O try the Plaster Paris Pills!' And so we sent and bought a crate. We took ten pills six times an hour, at night we took a dozen more; and to our weakened limbs the power came rushing like a tidal wave. Thus people, over all the earth, are boosting fakes, and mean no harm; oh, what is testimony worth? Is evidence a false alarm?"

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Ever notice how children and dogs keep away from some folks? A lamp exploded at the home of Tipton Bud, last evening just as the family was splitting to for the various nickel-theaters.

WHEN SANTA CLAUS FORGOT - BY M^C CAY

